

Lomita Captain Must Face Court

Capt. Edward M. Crabtree of 2121 West 242nd st., will have to face trial in Portland, Ore., on charges he embezzled \$39,426 last December 26 from a tanker, according to a ruling recently by U. S. Commissioner David B. Head. The veteran skipper who denies the charges and says the ship's payroll disappeared dur-

ing a fire aboard the vessel, has been free on bail while waiting the delayed indictment from Portland authorities.

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Non-Stamped Cigarettes to Be Watched by BIR

In a determined effort to stamp out a widespread black-market traffic in unstamped, tax-free cigarettes, the Bureau of Internal Revenue agents is planning an inspection of all retail tobacco dealers. Inspectors point out that tax-free cigarettes and non-stamped tobacco products are for overseas consumption and diversion of such articles for civilian use is a federal law violation.

Internal Revenue Collector Harry C. Westover warns that frequent inspections of Southern California tobacco dealers will continue in an effort to prevent illegal tobacco sales.

Torrance Area Welfare Group Meeting Shifted

Torrance Area Welfare Council will shift its meeting date to the third Monday of each month, beginning in March, announces Hillman R. Lee, chairman. This decision was reached through a vote by mail conducted last week.

At the next meeting on March 19, there will be a special presentation by Bernard J. Strand, chairman of the social legislation committee.

New members from Gardena will be present and outline welfare plans for the city.

Time lost in 1943 due to disabling injuries of workers—on and off the job—was equivalent to a shutdown of the nation's entire shipbuilding and aircraft industries for 38 days.

Pueblo Area Community Project Gains

Chairman Hillman R. Lee, of the Rotary Club community service committee, and Chairman James L. Lynch, of the club's international service committee, report favorable progress with their current project of raising funds to defray the cost of erecting suitable recreation building in the Torrance Pueblo district.

Chairman Lynch has arranged a program to be presented by the Aztec club of the Torrance High school, comprised of Mexican students, with a view to increasing the interest shown and to canvass the cooperation of the other clubs and organizations in Torrance.

The enthusiasm shown thus far has been very reassuring, stated Judge Otto B. Willett, president of the Torrance Rotary club.

Donations by Rotarians total \$500, and all clubs, fraternal organizations, industries, commerce and citizens wishing to donate to this worthy civic cause may send in their checks to Judge Willett, made payable to "Rotary Pueblo Fund," he said.

Purple Heart Awarded to S-Sgt. Cooper

Wounded as a result of enemy action in Belgium on January 11, 1945, Staff Sgt. Harry L. Cooper, infantry, of Harbor City, Calif., was recently awarded the Purple Heart at the 199th United States Army General Hospital in France.



IN SOUTH PACIFIC... Coast Guardsman Wallace G. Woods of 1629 Elm st., Torrance, is serving aboard a Coast Guard-manned LST in the South Pacific combat area. His ship carries men and supplies to invasion points and is engaged in amphibious operations against Jap-held Pacific defenses. Woods is shown relaying vital information from his station in the depths of his ship.

Edison Company Warns Boys of Kite Dangers

With the open season on kites already under way, the Southern California Edison company today issued a list of safety rules, designed to prevent kite accident interruptions in vital electric power service.

"Edison lines are delivering the power to operate many war plants, as well as the electricity necessary in our every-day lives," C. C. Bartlett, district manager for the Edison company said, "By following four rules during the kite season, boys and girls can help avoid the costly trouble that comes when flying kites tangle with power lines. And in addition, they will be insuring their own personal safety."

1. Fly a kite in an open field, away from power lines.
2. Use cotton cord. Never use wire, tinsel or metallic cord.
3. Be sure the cord is perfectly dry.
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Student Speaker Contest Due at Lions Club

By ROBERT MAXFIELD

The preliminary Torrance elimination contests for the Eighth Annual Student Speakers Contest, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of California and Nevada, will be held at Torrance High school, March 9, and at the Torrance Lions Club meeting, March 13. The purpose of this contest is to provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest, to stimulate self-expression and independent thinking, to present to the public through student speakers the problems surrounding the maintenance of this country as a free nation and to consider the means at our disposal of meeting the problems of a post-war world.

The contest is open to students of any accredited high school in the states of California and Nevada. Each talk is to be of 10 minutes maximum or eight minutes minimum delivery time. There will be five contestants competing from Torrance High school all of whom will be under the direction of Mrs. E. MacKinnon, dramatics teacher. The contestants from Torrance are: Betty Goettsch, Virginia Fletcher, Betty Fagen, Robert Maxfield and Margaret Ross.

Excellent awards are offered. A scholarship of \$50 will be given to the winning speaker at the District Conference in June. This is in addition to any prize that may be presented by the community. The topic for this year is "What My Parents Mean to Me."

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Work Started On Senior Play Of April 27

The senior class of summer, 1945, Torrance High school, is busily at work on their senior play to be presented to the public April 27. The play is the three act Hungarian comedy, "Seven Sisters" adapted by Edith Ellis.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth McKinnon, dramatics teacher, with Robert Maxfield as student director.

The tentative cast is as follows: Lt. Horkey, Charles Duane and Richard Honrath; Colonel Rodvian, Bob Curry; Glida, Werner Sommer; Lt. Sandporfy, Bill Shaner; Janko, Bob Garner, and Torri Tekei, Alfred Pabst.

The female parts are: Mrs. Gyrkovics, Bettie Johnson and Barbara Moyer; Katinka, Jane Ritchie and Carol DeBra; Sorb, Betty Fiesel; Ella, Barbara Eynon and Eunice Abramson; Mitzi, Betty Goettsch and Barbara Fulmer; Terka, Shirley Thompson; Liza, Nancy Wilkes and Lucille Smith; and Clara, Betty Tucker.

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